

The Barber Papers

HONDURAS

INITIATING AUTHORITY:

GENERAL CONSUL OF HONDURAS IN NEW YORK CITY

Date Range of Correspondence: 5/1902 - 2/4/1904

Number of Documents: 15 to Barber; 3 to Mint Officials.

Art Work: Top and side views of collar for Honduras dies; List of sizes of collars needed for 6 denominations.

Significance: The correspondence in the Barber Files is our only source of information concerning Barber's manufacture of dies for Honduras. As the dies themselves were shipped directly to Honduras, we have no record of any pieces being struck in the U.S. Mint.

LEGACIÓN
DE
COSTA RICA.

Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1902.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Engraver of the United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to introduce in the number of your acquaintances Hon. N. Bolet Peraza, Consul General of Honduras, - New York, of whom I spoke to you yesterday in connection with the making of some dies for his Government. He may see you personally or will write you the necessary instructions thereon.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LA
República de Honduras,
81 NEW STREET,
NEW YORK.

June 11th 1902

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Philadelphia, Pa.

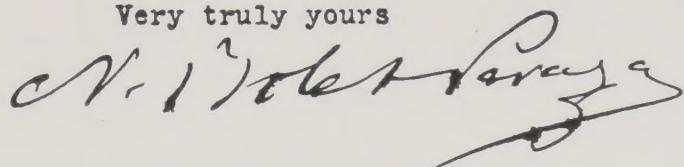
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of 10th inst., I beg to say that I
abled to my government asking about date, diameter and lenth of dies,
nd they answered me to wait for letter that they have mailed with
nstructions on the matter.

So, please wait till I get said letter and I will communicate
ith you on receipt of it.

I am,

Very truly yours


N. V. O'Notes Praya

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LA
pública de Honduras,
81 NEW STREET,
NEW YORK.

July 17th 1902

James E. Barber Esq.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am on receipt of your favor dated 16th inst in which you announced me of having forwarded a box containing dies for coins of Honduras also the hubs.

I have the pleasure to say that I received said box through the United States Express. I also received by mail the coins.

I wish to thank you very much for your kindness and courtesies in the name of my Government and myself.

Yours Very truly

N. Dolet-Blas

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LA
República de Honduras,
81 NEW STREET,
NEW YORK.

June 19th 1902

Thas E. Barber Esq.,

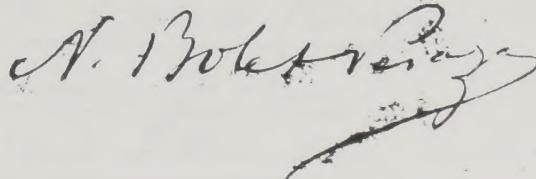
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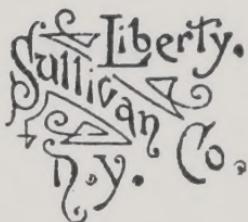
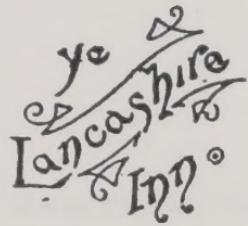
Dear Sir :-

I am in receipt of your favor dated 18th inst., and in compliance with your request, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a cheque for \$150. on account.

I have not receive yet the letter announced to me by the Minister of Fomento of Honduras, in which he gives me the informations necessary to finish the dies, and as soon as I receive it, will communicate with you.

Very respectfully yours





July 14th

1902

Chas. E. Barber Esq.,
Mula.

Dear Sir

Please send me
the dies and matrices
to my office in New York
addressed: N. West Parage
Consulate General of Hon-
duras 81 New Street
and please let me
know by which express
you send them -

and always

Yours very truly,
N. West Parage

Copy-L.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras,

November 12, 1903.

Honorable George E. Roberts,

Director of the Mint,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor, through you, to request the good offices of the Director of the Philadelphia Government Mint, to facilitate and speed the making of the several die impressions which your establishment in that city has charge of for the Government of the Republic of Honduras.

The coinage at the Mint in Tegucigalpa must be delayed pending the arrival of the necessary parts, and it is the desire and request of this Government that these be shipped as soon as possible through Mr. R. G. Barthold of No. 4 Stone Street, New York City, who is the shipping agent for the Honduras Government, and who is authorized to pay all the charges thereon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Alfred K. Moe,

United States Consul/

L.

210016

No. Bureau of the Mint
210016 Rec. DEC. 3, 1903.

Tagucigalpa, Honduras,

November 12, 1903.

Alfred K. Moe,
U. S. Consul.

Re: to dies at Philadelphia
Mint for Govt. of Honduras.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Dec. 3, 1903.

Respectfully referred to
the Engraver of the U.S. Mint
at Philadelphia, on the pre-
sumption that he is engraving
the dies referred to.

(Signed) R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Copy.K.L.

Rodolfo G. Barthold,
4 Stone St.

New York, Dec. 4, 1903.

Director of U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Government of the Republic of Honduras, C. A. sends me an order for dies and rings for Mint of the Republic and forwards to me samples to be used by your good self in filling the order, which reads as follows:

2 prs.	dies for	pesos
3 "	" "	50-centavos
4 "	" "	25- "
5 "	" "	10- "
6 "	" "	5- "
4 "	" "	1- "

6 milling rings for each size of die, in all 36 rings.

The Government writes, that so there may be no doubt as to my authority in the matter the U. S. Consul at Tegucigalpa, Mr. Alfred N. Moe, has address you on the subject.

May I ask you to know the cost of above, how long it will take you to make them and whether it will be necessary for me to go to your city.

My clients being in urgent need of the dies, a prompt reply would be esteemed a favor by,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Rodolfo G. Barthold.

There has been no change in the designs, with which you are familiar.

Copy

New York, N. Y.
4 Stone St.,
Dec. 4, 1903.

Rodolfo G. Barthold,

Ordering dies for govt. of the
Republic of Honduras, C.A. and
asking cost of same.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 5, 1903.

Respectfully referred to the
Director of the Mint, Writer
advised.

(Signed) Albert A. Norton

Acting Superintendent

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK,

Dec 5, 1903

Mr. Chas. E. Barker, Director
Mint of the United States
at Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, —

Under date of yesterday I addressed
the Director of your institu-
tion in regard to the
order received from the
Government of Honduras.

Last night I forwarded
by Adams Express
Co. to said gentleman
1 Box containing the
samples: 12 lbs to 1 lb.

Awaiting news in
the matter I remain,

Gentilly yours,

Rodolfo G. Barthold.

NICANOR BOLET'S
Ecological Pills,
81 NEW STREET,
NEW YORK.

New York Dec 9th 1903

Mr. Chas E Barber
Minist of the United States
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dear Sir Yours of 4th inst
has been received.

The dies you refer to
were shipped to the Government of
Honduras and they were received
there in good order. So they must
be in Tegucigalpa in the
hands of the Government.

Yours Respectfully
N Bolet Penaz
of D. G. B.

P.S. I must inform you that
the Consulate of Honduras has been
suspended, and is now at No 2 & 4
Stone St. this City.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used. { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1903.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,
Mint of the United States at
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, —

Your valued fa-
vors of 8 inst were duly re-
ceived.

I have no coins to give
you as samples and find
that dealers have only 1 Peso
+ 50¢. Do you not remem-
ber the thickness which you
figured upon last time or
have you no data to re-
fresh your memory?

I should say that the
collars should be of propor-
tional thickness or outside
diam.

As to length of dies, do
the samples I sent not in-
dicate that?

As to whether dies are
to go in the soft state, I have
no information.

I should say 1904 would

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

#2.

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

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LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1903

be the correct date.

While the price ~~* 925⁰⁰~~ seems rather high, if you positively say you cannot do it for less, I will accept it. It will be a strictly Cash transaction & it would seem as if you could make a deduction, however, as I stated before, I leave it to you.

If you can do preliminary work, please proceed with it at once. I have written to Honduras & should receive an answer with specimens in about one month.

Awaiting your reply I remain,

Faithfully yours,
Rodolfo G. Barthold.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

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LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2A EDICION.

NEW YORK,

Dec 17, 1903

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,
Mint of the United States at
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir,-

Your valued
favor of yesterday is at
hand & I accept your
price of * 925.

I note that you are no
longer in need of specimens
of the coins, having found
them in your cabinet.

Today I write to Honduras
asking that they cable
me at once:

1. Length of dies.
2. Whether they be sent in
soft condition or hard.
3. Whether diameter (outside)
of ring or collar are to be
the same for all or
in proportion. If special
diameter for each I ask
them to give such special
outside diameters.

The reply should reach me

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

2.

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2A EDICION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 1903.

in 15 or 20 days & will
at once be commun-
icated to you.

Please expedite matters
as much as possible
with the information
which you possess, but
do nothing which would
make it impossible for
you to comply with the
information for which
I have asked.

Faithfully yours,
Rodolfo G. Barthold.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

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LIEBER
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2A EDICIÓN.

NEW YORK, Jan 15, 1904

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,
Mint of the United States
at Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, -

Replying to your
valued favor of 1/2 inst. I
take pleasure in trans-
mitting to you the in-
formation just received
from Honduras.

Both dies + collars are to
be sent soft

Date 190 leaving space
for the last figure to be
added.

Length of the dies is to be
as follows:

1 Peso	}	50 Millimetres
50 Centavos		
25 Centavos	}	43 Millimetres
10 Centavos		
5 Centavos		
1 Centavo		

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

#2.

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEW YORK."

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LIEBER
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICIÓN.

NEW YORK, Jan 15, 1904.

4. Diameter of Coins to be as follows:

1 Peso:	37	Millimetres
50 Centavos:	31	"
25	24	"
10	19	"
5	15.50	"
1	19.50	"

All the coins except 1 Centavo are to have milled edges.

1 Centavo plain smooth edge.

No reply was given in regard to outside diameter of collars. Hence I would suggest that you follow precedent established by the lot made for Mr. Peraza.

Please let me know when I may expect delivery.

Faithfully yours,

Rodolfo G. Barthold.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEW YORK."

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CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICIÓN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21, 1904.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber Engineer
Min. of the United States
at Philadelphia.
Dear Sir, -

Your valued
favor of 18 inst. was duly
received.

Having just heard
further from Honduras,
I hasten to inform
you that all the collars
are to have the same
outside diameter as the
sample sent you.

Awaiting further
news from you. I remain,
Faithfully yours,
Rodolfo G. Barthold.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used. { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2A EDICION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2/1904.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,
Minut of the United States
at Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, -

Your valued
favor of yesterday was
duly received and herewith
I hand you check for
\$ 925⁰⁰, as per
your request.

Please pack carefully
in strong Box, provided
Gross Weight exceed not
135 lbs. Should you be un-
able to pack safely within
that limit, make one
case of 125 lbs. Gross &
pack the rest in small
case.

If you forward at
once by fastest express
to my office I will be able
to ship by next steamer.

See that value is given
on Express Receipt at \$1000.-

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK,

Jan. 27, 1904.

I shall send a copy of
your letter to Honduras.
Please return bill duly
receipted, adding thereto
Gross & Net Weights.

Faithfully yours,
Rodolfo G. Barthold.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK, Jan 30, 1904

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,
Mint of the United States
at Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt
of your valued favor of
28 inst.

The Case also reached
me & will go forward
by Freedog's steamer.

I comparing your bill
with the order I find that
the latter really called for
dozens of pairs, i. e. as
many dozens of pairs as
you have sent pairs.

Would such a quantity
be unusual?

What would the cost
be of the additional quan-
tity, viz:

$1\frac{1}{2}$ dz. pairs	Pesos
$2\frac{1}{2}$	50 Centavos
$3\frac{1}{2}$	25
$4\frac{1}{2}$	10
$5\frac{1}{2}$	5

(Over)

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD, # 2.

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER'S
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30, 1904.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. pairs, Centavo.
The collars went as
ordered.

Please wire reply as
early as possible on Mon-
day Feb. 1. and oblige.
Faithfully yours,

Rodolfo Barthold.

While goods go via Panama,
the mail (fastest) is sent
via New Orleans & Doses
on Monday. Hence my
request for reply by tele-
graph.

R.G.B.

RODOLFO G. BARTHOLD,

4 STONE STREET.

CABLE: "BARTHOLD, NEWYORK."

Codes used, { A. B. C.
LIEBER
CÓDIGO TELEGRÁFICO ESPAÑOL
"SAMPER" 2a EDICION.

NEW YORK, Feb 4th 1904

Mr. Chas C. Barber Engraver
U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram and letter of the 1st inst. were received and from them I gather that the cost of the additional dies will be £3000.

The case having already gone forward, I will inquire whether it is indispensable that you have the hubs. Furthermore, by hubs do you mean everything received from Honduras with the exception of the collars?

Please let me have your reply to the latter by return mail, so I may write my friends to return same at once should they need the additional dies.

Faithfully yours.
Rodolfo Barthold

NO. 18. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

2	Pesos	Peso	20 15 -	\$ 30.00
3	"	50 Centavos	0 15 -	45.00
4	"	25 "	0 15 -	60.00
3	"	10 "	0 10 -	50.00
6	"	5 "	0 10	60.00
4	"	1 "	0 10	40.00
				<hr/>
36	Callas	Callas	0 15	\$ 285.00
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Total -				\$ 825.00
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				\$ 925.00

Size of Collars.

Peso	38. M. M.	1.496	inch
Fifty Centimos	31 ¹⁴ / ₅₀ M. M.	1.231	"
Twenty-five "	24 ¹⁰ / ₅₀ M. M.	.952	"
Ten "	18 ³⁴ / ₅₀ M. M.	.735	"
Five "	14 ²⁵ / ₅₀ M. M.	.572	"
One "	20 M. M.	.484	"

Honduras

Honduras Collar

